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1. Victor Manuel Villaseñor, Communist sympathizer and a leader of the Partido Popular (PP-Popular Party), stated that contrary to current rumors and speculations, the Mexican government has not interfered in any way with the projected Congress for Peace and Democracy. Villaseñor stated also that no plans had been made to change the congress to another city and that it would take place in March, or shortly thereafter, in Mexico City. Villaseñor expressed the opinion that President Miguel Aleman would not dare oppose the congress, even under pressure from the United States, in view of the fact that it has the open support of former President Lázaro Cárdenas and is being convoked for the preservation of peace.
2. Villaseñor explained the lack of publicity in the Mexican press during the past few weeks by saying that the leaders of the Partido Popular had been preparing for the July elections and had done little about the congress except to discuss the matter with certain leftist intellectuals. He was of the opinion that upon the return from Paris of Vicente Lombardo Toledano, the promotion of the congress would be intensified.

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